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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence
Programs Evaluation

SUBJECT: Inspector General's 1965 Report of Survey of NPIC

The Inspector General, during the course of his recently completed survey of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), has told me of two problem areas on which I would appreciate your advice and recommendations.

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b. NSCID No. 8 specifies that the administration of NPIC in time of war shall be transferred to the Secretary of Defense. In October 1963 Mr. Gilpatric forwarded a letter to the DCI asking that a plan be developed that would provide for the transfer of NPIC administration to DoD at a time short of the commencement of actual hostilities. Mr. McCone replied on 25 October that he was currently engaged in a full-scale review of emergency and war plans and that he would be in touch with Mr. Gilpatric later when he had determined to his own satisfaction just what the arrangement should be for the intelligence community at the national level. Copies of the correspondence are attached at Tab A. The issue has been on



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dead center ever since, and there has thus been no planning for the role of NPIC in time of war. Although this issue has lain dormant since late 1963, it is unlikely that it has been forgotten by DoD.

/s/ Richard Helms

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